

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute claims 1-208 with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A data providing system for distributing content data from a data providing apparatus to a data processing apparatus and managing said data providing apparatus and said data processing apparatus by a management apparatus, wherein

said management apparatus prepares a key file storing encrypted content key data and encrypted usage control policy data indicating ~~handling of said content data~~ a content of rights such as usage permission conditions of said content data,

said data providing apparatus provides said content data encrypted by using said content key data, and

said data processing apparatus decrypts said content key data and said usage control policy data stored in said key file and determines the handling of said content data based on the ~~related~~ decrypted usage control policy data.

2. (Currently Amended) A data providing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said management apparatus adds signature data for verification of ~~the legitimacy of the producer of the key file~~ to the key file.

3. (Original) A data providing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein said data providing apparatus prepares a content file storing the content data and provides the content file to the data processing apparatus.

4. (Currently Amended) A data providing system as set forth in claim 3, wherein said data providing apparatus adds signature data for verification ~~of the legitimacy of the producer of the content file~~ to the content file.

5. (Original) A data providing system as set forth in claim 1, wherein the data providing apparatus prepares usage control policy data and sends it to said management apparatus,

said data processing apparatus determines at least one of the purchase form and the usage form of the distributed content data based on the usage control policy data and sends log data showing the log of at least one of the purchase form and the usage form decided to said management apparatus, and

said management apparatus performs profit distribution processing for distributing the profit obtained along with the purchase and usage of the content data in the data processing apparatus to the interested parties of the data providing apparatus based on the received log data.

6-70. (Cancelled).

71. (Currently Amended) A data providing method for distributing content data from a data providing apparatus to a data processing apparatus and managing said data providing apparatus and said data processing apparatus by a management apparatus, wherein

said management apparatus prepares a key file storing encrypted content key data and encrypted usage control policy data indicating ~~the handling of said content data~~ a content of rights such as usage permission conditions of said content data,

said data providing apparatus provides said content data encrypted by using said content key data, and

said data processing apparatus decrypts said content key data and said usage control policy data stored in said key file and determines the handling of said content data based on the related decrypted usage control policy data.

72-139. (Cancelled).

140. (Currently Amended) A data providing apparatus which is managed by a management apparatus and distributes content data to a data processing apparatus,

receiving a key file storing encrypted content key data and encrypted usage control policy data indicating ~~the handling of said content data from said management apparatus~~ a content of rights such as usage permission conditions of said content data, and

distributing a module storing a content file storing the content data encrypted by using said content key data and said key file received from said management apparatus to said data processing apparatus.

141. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus managed by a management apparatus and utilizing content data,

receiving a module containing a key file storing encrypted content key data and encrypted usage control policy data indicating ~~the handling of said content data~~ a content of rights such as usage permission conditions of said content data and a content file storing the content data encrypted by using said content key data,

determining at least one between a purchase form and an usage form of said content data based on said usage control policy data, and

transmitting a log data indicating the log of the determined at least one of the related purchase form and usage form to said management apparatus.

142-286. (Cancelled).

287. (New) A data providing method which is managed by a management apparatus and distributes content data to a data processing apparatus,

receiving a key file storing encrypted content key data and encrypted usage control policy data indicating a content of rights such as usage permission conditions of said content data, and

distributing a module storing a content file storing the content data encrypted by using said content key data and said key file received from said management apparatus to said data processing apparatus.

288. (New) A data processing method managed by a management apparatus and utilizing content data,

receiving a module containing a key file storing encrypted content key data and encrypted usage control policy data indicating a content of rights such as usage permission conditions of said content data and a content file storing the content data encrypted by using said content key data,

determining at least one between a purchase form and an usage form of said content data based on said usage control policy data, and

transmitting a log data indicating the log of the determined at least one of the related purchase form and usage form to said management apparatus.